

Bridgewater Township Farmland Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes 8-20-2018

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
18:35

II. Roll Call

Present: Long, Scaturro, McQueer
Absent: Faust, Howard

III. Citizen Participation

Barry Lonik of Treemore Ecology and Land Services, Inc. provided the farmland board with an update on the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission's decision to allocate millage funding for long-term preserve stewardship and conservation easement monitoring. After that money is set aside, there will still be roughly \$13 million available over the next three years for land acquisitions. There was also discussion about millage renewal and timing. Lonik offered the farmland board a proposal for services related to land preservation and outreach.

IV. Review and Approve Agenda

McQueer asks to remove item A under Discussion Items and replace it with a discussion and review of Lonik's proposal.

Motion to approve agenda as amended: Long
Second: Scaturro

V. Old Business

- A. Approve June meeting minutes

McQueer notes that Tom Wharam has asked we watermark future meeting minutes as "approved". Scaturro asks that page numbers be added if more than one page. Also, Long notes that the meeting minutes should strike the name Deeleuw and simply state Hannah.

Motion to approve as amended: McQueer
Second: Long

VI. Discussion Items

- A. Discussion of Lonik Proposal for Services

Lonik fielded several questions on details of the proposal, and the farmland board will take that information and share it with absent members at the next meeting in September.

- B. Future meeting dates

The board discussed whether or not future meeting dates should be changed to every other month. Initial discussion was to continue with monthly meetings, but change to bi-monthly

until there is a need for monthly meetings again – especially in the months leading up to the annual farmland preservation workshop. Discussion will continue with more members present at the next meeting.

VII. Citizen Participation

McQueer noted that he had an informal discussion with a landowner in the township, and will contact her to follow up about a more formal sit down.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Scaturo

Second: McQueer

APPROVED